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REMARKS _____

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1. On 23 November 1953, the Bismarck Kaserne in Naumburg was partially occupied. Between 1 and 25 November, soldiers practiced with four 76-mm AA guns and a large range finder almost daily.

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2. On 25 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was lightly occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. According to rumors, the KVP school will be transferred to the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Soviet troops to the former Napola.²

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3. On 25 November, the Barbara Kaserne was heavily occupied. Between 1 and 25 November, small groups of soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were seen leaving the installation.

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4. On several days between 1 and 25 November, troops practiced with four SU-76s in the large yard of the Hubertus Kaserne. T-34 tank stood nearby. Soldiers trained with 4 x 122-mm howitzers, 8 x 120-mm mortars and a light 76.2-mm field gun almost daily. About 100 pontoons, and numerous squared boards and logs were piled up in another section of the installation.

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5. On 25 November, the Bluecher Kaserne was occupied to excess. Numerous trucks were parked in the open. Troops observed wore black-bordered red epaulets. 25X1

On 7 November, about 3,000 men including color bearers and a military band fell in for roll call in the barracks yard.

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6. On 25 November, various artillery units from the Hubertus Kaserne engaged in an exercise between Flemmingen and Janisroda. A colonel drove a sedan Trucks each towing a 122-mm howitzer and two other trucks each towing a 120-mm mortar were identified with the troops. Guns and mortars were emplaced along the edge of Buchholz Forest.⁴

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7. Four more houses on Am Frauenplan were confiscated for the quartering of officers. A general was billeted on Am Frauenplan.

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[] The observation that the installation was only partially occupied is due to the fact that the unidentified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps had moved out at the beginning of October 1952. [] The permanent station of the battalion has not been determined since.

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2. [] Comment. The Hindenburg Kaserne is carried as quartering the headquarters and signal battalion of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The rumor has so far not been substantiated.

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4. [] Comment. Report tends to indicate that, as was previously assumed, the barracks installations on Flemminger Weg, namely the Hubertus Kaserne, quartered the 655th How Arty Regt and 67th Engr Bn (US) and the Bluecher Kaserne the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt.

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